

# Thomas Street Asylum

1904 – 1911

**Other Names:** • Benevolent Asylum

## Details

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The Thomas Street Asylum was established by the Benevolent Society of New South Wales in 1904. It was the only hospital in the city for destitute and homeless mothers nursing their infants. The Asylum also cared for orphans and foundlings who were usually discharged to the care of the State Children's Relief Department. In 1911 Thomas Street Asylum became the Renwick Hospital for Infants.

The Thomas Street Asylum was a new Asylum built by the Benevolent Society of New South Wales on the corner of Thomas Street and Quay Street, Ultimo, near Central Station in Sydney.

The majority of women housed in Thomas Street Asylum were young, unmarried mothers. In 1911, the Asylum underwent alterations and wards providing for the treatment of sick infants were added. This new hospital was renamed the Renwick Hospital for Infants and was opened on 3 July 1911.

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## More info

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### Chronology

- **Thomas Street Asylum (1904 – 1911)**
  - Renwick Hospital for Infants, Thomas Street (1911 - 1920)
  - Renwick Hospital for Infants, Summer Hill (1921 - 1965)

## Related Entries

### Run by

- [Benevolent Society of New South Wales \(1813 - current\)](#)  
Date: ? - 1911

### Related Organisations

- [Benevolent Asylum, Sydney \(1821 - 1901\)](#)

The Thomas Street Asylum was also built by the Benevolent Society.

## Resources

- Bluett, Ros, [Charity and Justice: The early days of the Benevolent Society in Sydney](#), 24 March 2013
- Benevolent Society, *Benevolent Society: 200 year celebration: Last 200*, 2013

## Records

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For more information and to access your records, follow the links below:

## Records

- [Benevolent Society of New South Wales Collection, 1813-1996 \(1813 - 1996\)](#)
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